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SUBJECT: U.S.-PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS: TRAVEL OF U.S.

NEGOTIATORS.

FOR AMBASSADOR JORDEN FROM BUNKER

1. WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER TACK AND RELAYING TO ME OR BELL  
ANY RESPONSE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. DEAR TONY: DEVELOPMENTS HERE WILL  
UNFORTUNATELY DELAY MY ARRIVAL IN PANAMA FOR SOME DAYS.  
I UNDERSTAND THAT, IN ANY CASE, YOU WILL BE IN CARACAS FOR  
SEVERAL DAYS NEXT WEEK. I AM CONFIDENT YOU WILL AGREE WITH  
ME, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PRUDENT AT THIS STAGE OF  
THE NEGOTIATION TO LOSE EITHER MOMENTUM OR TIME. ACCORD-  
INGLY, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR OUR DEPUTIES TO  
MEET AND NEGOTIATE, AT THEIR LEVEL, SEVERAL PENDING MATTERS  
WHICH I CONSIDER IMPORTANT. IF THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL IN  
FORMULATING SOLUTIONS WHICH YOU AND I COULD ACCEPT, WE  
WOULD BE SEVERAL STEPS FURTHER ALONG. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS  
I HEAR OTHERWISE FROM YOU, MOREY WILL BE ON CONTADORA ON  
MONDAY MORNING TO BEGIN TALKS WITH NICO. WITH WARMEST  
WISHES, ELLSWORTH. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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